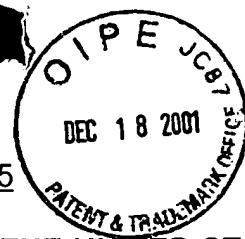


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 30, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 12, line 13.

In operation, the carrier liquid through hose 22 inlets openings 69, expanding the central portion of disc valve 66 permitting downstream flow through inner sleeve 77 of seal 73. Any flow in an upstream direction is blocked as the central valve area of disc 66 seats tightly against imperforate center section 71 of flow regulator 68.

Also upon creation of any back pressure the same is relieved through notches 75 of cylindrical seal 73 and escapes in a downstream direction via cutouts 76 and through a relief hole 80 provided in the housing 21 (see Fig. 3).

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